(b) the potential threats from such infiltrators from the neighbouring States;

(c) the measures taken by Government to check such infiltration; and

(d) the details of extent to which these measures have been effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) and (b) Available information about apprehension of infiltrators indicates reduction in cross border infiltration on the Indo-Pakistan and Indo-Bangladesh borders. There is no significant incidence of infiltration on the other borders. While Illegal Immigration into the country has various socio-economic implications, the dangers from foreign infiltration relates mainly to their likely indulgence in subversive/terrorist activities.

(c) and (d) The Government have adopted a multi-pronged approach to contain infiltration from across the borders. This, *inter-alia*, includes round the clock surveillance and patrolling on the borders and establishment of observation posts; construction of border fencing and flood lighting; introduction of modern and hi-tech surveillance equipment; upgradation of intelligence set up and coordination with the State Governments and intelligence agencies concerned. As a result of these measures, cross border infiltration has shown a declining trend. The details of apprehension of foreign infiltrators made by Border Security Force in Indo-Pakistan and Indo-Bangladesh International Borders during the last three years are as under:—

Year	Indo-Pakistan Border	Indo-Bangladesh Border	Total
2006	128	5130	5258
2007	128	4206	4334
2008 (Till Nov.)	123	2559	2682

Toning up prison reforms scheme

1804. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether concerned over incidents of jail breaks, overcrowding of jails and poor facilities for inmates, Ministry has decided to tone up five year old prison reforms scheme;

(b) if so, whether it will strictly monitor scheme's implementation in States which are lagging behind either in utilizing the Central funds or in putting jail reforms on fast track;

(c) whether any concrete report from the States in this regard has been obtained;

(d) if so, the States who have failed to implement scheme; and

(e) the steps being taken to implement the scheme in these States so that prison reforms are implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) With a view to decongest the prisons and improve the condition of prisons, prisoners and prison personnel, the Government of India initiated a five years scheme in 2002-03 with a total outlay of Rs. 1800 crore on cost sharing basis in the ratio of 75:25 between the Central and State Governments respectively. The scheme has since been extended upto 31.3.2009.

Considering the demand of various States for granting further financial assistance for construction of new Jails/additional barracks so as to address the problem of overcrowding, the Ministry of Home Affairs has initiated the process of formulating second phase of the scheme of modernization of prisons. Necessary steps are being taken in this regard in consultation with the Ministry of Finance.

(b) and (c) The scheme is being monitored regularly by way of obtaining quarterly progress report from all the State Governments. Regular review meetings are also held by this Ministry with the State Government officials. The senior officers of the level of Joint Secretaries of the Ministry have been assigned to make on the spot inspection and review the scheme with the State Governments. All the States where the progress of implementation was slow, have assured that they will complete all the activities undertaken under the scheme in a timely manner.

(d) and (e) Most of the States have implemented the scheme timely. The States such as Chhattisgarh, Jammu and Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab are somewhat lagging behind in implementing the scheme. The full central funds these States have not yet been released because of non furnishing of utilization certificates of funds in respect of previous releases. At various review meetings with Home Secretaries/DG (Prisons), these State Governments have been impressed upon to speed up the utilization so that balanced amount of central funds could be released to them and prison reforms are Implemented in earnest. Against the Central share of Rs. 1350 crore (75% of the total outlay of Rs. 1800 crores), an amount of Rs. 1315.11 crores have already been released to various states. The various states have already utilized 78% of the total fund (including the corresponding state share).

Plan of leftist underground group to take over Indian territory by force

1805. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to an intelligence agency report underground leftist group have prepared a plan to take over 35 per cent of the Indian territory through terrorist/ naxalite forces;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as per report, leftists' underground groups are active in 15 States and have established contacts with the ULFA activists in North-East and LTTE contingents in Sri Lanka;

(c) whether the said report mentions that over 20,000 Maoist activists are working underground in India; and